MARVEL
PG 27

HARD CHOICES PART 2 OF 2

EXILES™

RICK 03
Transparency
Digital

TOKYO

You've got five seconds to explain yourself, Illyana.

Explain?! No way, Danny!

We need to crack her *skull* open!

That's my *sister*, Luke.

There has to be a good explanation for all of this.

I'm hoping he's right, Luke.

And it's not like I feel much remorse over Scorpion there, although I really liked Black Widow--

--but if Illyana *doesn't* have a good explanation for all this, her skull will get cracked *plenty*, believe me.

Sorry, Pete.

I have an excellent explanation for all of this--

--and once you understand, I hope you'll work with me to solve the problem I find myself faced with.

I'm *a different* Illyana with *another* brother named Peter Rasputin.

I'm from an alternate dimension--

--I've been sent here to correct a mistake in this world's timeline so that I can go home to my own reality.

In *this* reality, you were supposed to come to Japan--

--I presume to defend it against an attack by the man named *Moses Magnum* and his earthquake power.

You were to be killed here--

--all of you--

--in the first wave of his attack.

So to set *this* world back on its normal course of events, and allow me to go home to *mine*-- you must all die.

Right here.

Right now.

SHUFF

I'm sure you can understand that, even though I know this Peter isn't *really* my brother--

--there would still be some emotional difficulty in having to kill either him *or* his friends.

So pick up the knife please, and end this like *men*.

It's the natural order of things.

Let's make this as painless for all of us as possible, shall we?

ONE BLOCK AWAY...

We have to save these people.

Well, no, you *don't*, actually. You misunderstand the *point*.

You see, saving these people runs counter to the plan that I and my lovely fiance, Namorita, here--

--she's the Queen of Atlantis, and these are her soldiers, by the way--

--have worked so hard to achieve--

--the plan of *sinking* this nation and *extinguishing* this race, as a message to the rest of the world.

The message that we--

--Moses, Magnum and Namorita--

--are now *Rulers* of Earth.

No, *you* misunderstand.

We--

--*have* to save these people.

Ah. I see.

You weren't asking for my help.

Rather, you were threatening me with some misguided declaration of heroism.

That's *Captain Misguided Declaration of Heroism* to *you*, pal.

Lord, spare me lunatics and mindless children.

Would someone please kill them already?!

We're gone!

They're getting away!

STOP THEM! KILL THEM ALL!

It makes no difference, my dear Namorita.

In a few days, the whole world will lie naked and shamed, face down before us--

--the king of the land, and the queen of the seas.

The skins of the world's supposed heroes will decorate our floors of gold and silver.

And you and I will make love upon them, laughing.

CHANG!

Illyana, stop this, please!

Illuana you have to--

He's not my brother, he's not my brother, he's not my brother--

SPANG!

--stop this!

Give me that.

Idiot!

KUNCH

Huahh!

WHUMP

Finish her, Danny.

AAH!

CHOOM

Let me--

Let me go!

No.

Aaaah!

SKUNCH

Hold her out by the hair, Danny.

I'll do the rest.

OVER TOYKO

AAAH!

I'm going to try someth ng!

Follow my lead, Morph!

Hold on, Nocturne, it may make you sick!

I know I'm already there.

I'm going to let you go now, Nocturne--

You're what?!

Sunfire, wait!

Morph!

I've got her!

If you feel the need to make love as your final act in this world, I'd be willing--

Did you see where the burning one went?

No but her trail leads behind--

SHBOOOM

Beautifully done, Mariko! So come on-- group hug, group hug

And put a lot of breast into it, please.

This is going well enough to continue without us. We should get back to the Island.

Make preparations for the Avengers who are sure to arrive at some point.

Once they're out of the way, I think we should change plans and just finish off all of Asia.

Korea, China, The Philippines--

--I don't even want those people around as *slaves.*

WHAM

SHOOM

We've got to finish them fast!

I should have used the claws, Sasquatch but--

It's an earthquake!

Very good. Give the furry thing a treat

And then I'll show you why my mother named me--

Moses.

CLANG

Peter?

What the hell are you doing?

Let go Let me finish her

NO.

Peter, you can't think of this as your sister She

SKUNCH

My real sister or not, Luke, I know her

And I have chosen to believe her

I'm so

--so very sorry, my friend

Peter!

My God, what are you doing?

She's my sister, Danny, whatever reality she's from.

She deserves her chance to get home

Peter, don't be crazy.

She could be *lying*. She could be ***possessed***. Who knows?

Peter, you and Luke were my best friends!

You can't just turn on us-- for her!

Not us!

I already have, Danny.

Use your Iron Fist

SHHHKOW

You gave me everything, Danny

A beautiful home, work I loved--

--friendships I valued above all else.

You and Luke meant so much to me.

I never wanted it to end.

Only one thing in this world has meant more to me.

Peter

You're crushing my head, Peter.

I know, my brother

SNICH

I know

Peter--

Turn, woman.

While the Black Knight still breathes this has not yet ended.

This is my parents home.

Or it used to be

Oh, God, please let them be all right.

Mom?!

Dad?!

If we're going to be stuck in this dimension, it would help to know if my parents are together, too

Or even alive.

Uh-oh. Nocturne

Oh, boy, this doesn't look good.

Help me get her out of here, T.J.

--it's her.

It's this dimension's Mariko.

No, it's not one of her family--

Maybe it's not one of her family.

Maybe it's just a neighbor, or--

We have to get *our* Mariko out of here before she sees this.

Ah.

He can fly.

I hate it when they can fly.

CHUD

Obviously it never occurred to you--

--that my power works better--

WHAM

NNGH!

--on contact?

AAAAHHHH!!

WHAM

SHOOM

Have I told you today how sexy you are?

Not enough.

Mimic?

Calvin, are you all right?

Ohgod ohgodoh god.

It's me there, isn't it?

I'm dead, and I--

It's okay, Mariko. It's not really you.

It's like another person, really.

She was probably even straight.

Is that supposed to be a *joke*?!

Are you making a *joke* about this?!

Mariko, *no*, I was just--

Hey. What the--?

The Atlanteans are coming, Calvin.

What are we going to do?

Tallussays--

Tallus saysmission finish.

Missionfinish.

How can the mission be finished when we never *began* it?

"Who finished our mission?"

NEXT: THE UNCANNY X-MEN!